

## BOWSER RETURNS

He Gets Shoulder Bound and Returns to Boxing for a Cure

“RS. Bowser,” began Mr. Bowser the other evening, “I have been thinking about you a good deal lately.”

“Have you noticed anything strange about me lately?”

“Nothing so very strange,” was the reply.

“Haven’t you noticed that when I put on my coat or overcoat I wince a little?”

“No.”

“Some wives would have noticed it days and days ago, but you are all wrapped up in yourself.”

“Well, let it go that you wince—what of it?”

“Never mind. If you haven’t noticed it we will drop the subject.”

“We will do nothing of the kind. If you wince there must be a reason for it, and I want that reason. Are your knees giving out under you?”

“No, ma’am, my knees are all right. I haven’t arrived at helpless old age yet.”

“Is it a stiff neck? If so I’ll put a mustard plaster on tonight.”

“My neck is all right.”

“Then what is it? If there is any one wincing around I fully sympathize with them. Do you wince all over, or only in one spot?”

“I don’t like your way of talking, Mrs. Bowser, but at the same time I will tell you that I wince through the shoulders. You know I got this way a couple of years ago. Any motion of the arms takes me in the shoulder muscles. It is not only inconvenient and somewhat painful, but it may lead to serious results. For instance, suppose a man on the street car steps on my toes?”

“Then ask him to step off.”

“Suppose I do and he refuses?”

“Then tell him that you are Mr. Bowser.”

“But suppose he says he don’t care who I am?”

“Well?”

“Well, there would be no recourse, man. When you get excited you are a hard person to hold back.”

“Yes, I guess I am,” grinned Mr. Bowser. “I see now what you are after. You are afraid I will get excited and knock the professor’s block off. They call the head a block.”

“But you won’t, will you?”

“No, not quite. When my shoulders begin to loosen, I’ll give the professor all he wants to do to keep away from me, but I won’t knock him out. That is, I won’t be the last lesson.”

Mrs. Bowser said that was ever so sweet and kind of him, and Mr. Bowser went up to the attic to prepare his shoulders for the coming event. Fifteen minutes later Professor Dunkaven rang the bell. He had a plug hat on his head and a green bag beside him. His head was under his hat and the boxing gloves were in the green bag. He was already to be shown to the attic, but Mrs. Bowser asked him to sit down for a moment. Thereupon they entered into a confidential conversation which the reporters have not got onto yet. The conversation included Mr. Bowser’s shoulders—the professor—the boxing gloves—a sum of money, and something to happen 15 minutes later.

“It can be done, can it?” asked Mrs. Bowser at last.

“Oh, yes.”

“And it won’t hurt much?”

“Not so much as pulling a tooth.”

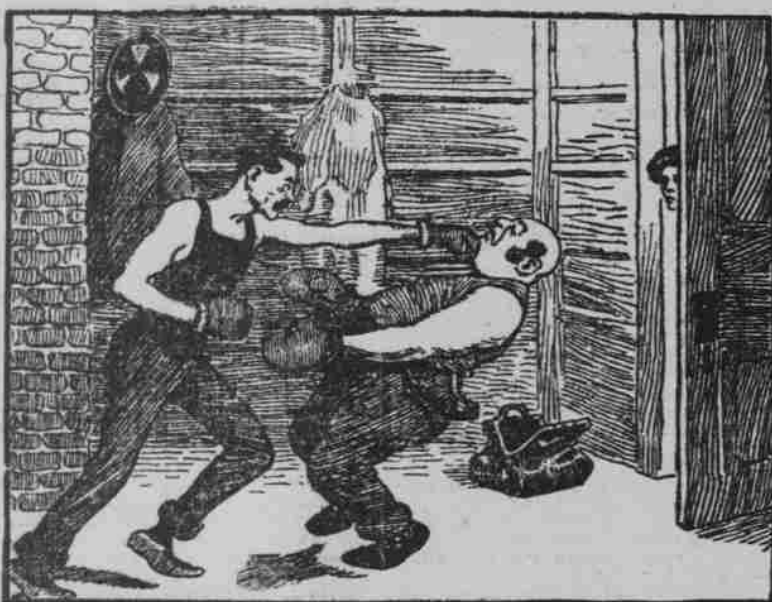
“And then his shoulders will be all right?”

“Perfectly so, ma’am. I have never known it to fail.”

“And what remedies shall I have at hand?”

“Just put the camphor bottle under his nose. If he is a little light headed give him a drink of wine.”

The professor was shown the way to the attic, and he found Mr. Bowser prepared and waiting. Mrs. Bowser crept up the stairs far enough to keep the run of events.



but to hit him. If I was shouldered bound how could I do it? I don’t want to lug a gun around with me.”

“I see. Your position would be rather embarrassing. You couldn’t hire him to step off your foot and step on some one else’s, could you?”

Mr. Bowser glared at her a moment, but her innocent look disarmed him and he said:

“What I propose to do is to limber up my shoulders as soon as possible. I may get into a row any day. Besides I don’t propose to go around wincing.”



“You have consulted some celebrated doctor, I suppose?”

“No, ma’am, I haven’t. I have consulted Professor Mike Dunkaven. You remember, he gave me a few lessons when I was shoulder bound before. He will be here this evening and bring the gloves and we can use the attic for a gym.”

“Well,” replied Mrs. Bowser after a bit. “I am sure I have no objections. I hope the boxing will cure you.”

“It’s bound to—bound to. I figure that five lessons will do the trick. It will be \$5 a lesson, but what will that be compared to the bill a doctor would send me? There’d be massage and liniments and goodness knows what else, and here it’s straight \$5 a lesson. I propose to make the professor look out for the last six before we get through. I am glad you see this thing the way I do. I rather thought you would look upon it as a sort of fad.”

“Oh, no. If you are shoulder bound you must get your shoulders unbound some way. If you want to go up and fight the professor I’ll show him up when he comes.”

“Will you? By John, but you are the right sort of a wife to have! Mrs. Green would raise Cain if Green wanted to do a little boxing. She thinks that loafing and boxing go together.”

“Yes, she’s peculiar about those things. There is a promise I want you to make me, however—two of them. If you become an expert boxer you won’t engage in a prize fight for money, will you?”

“What? Me, Mrs. Bowser, in a prize fight? You needn’t be afraid of that. I may scrap with some of the Gay Old Boys at the club for fun, but you needn’t worry about the rest. What’s the other promise?”

“Mrs. Bowser, you are an impetuous bit.”

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